

The Effects of the Public Health and Economic Crises on Health Care

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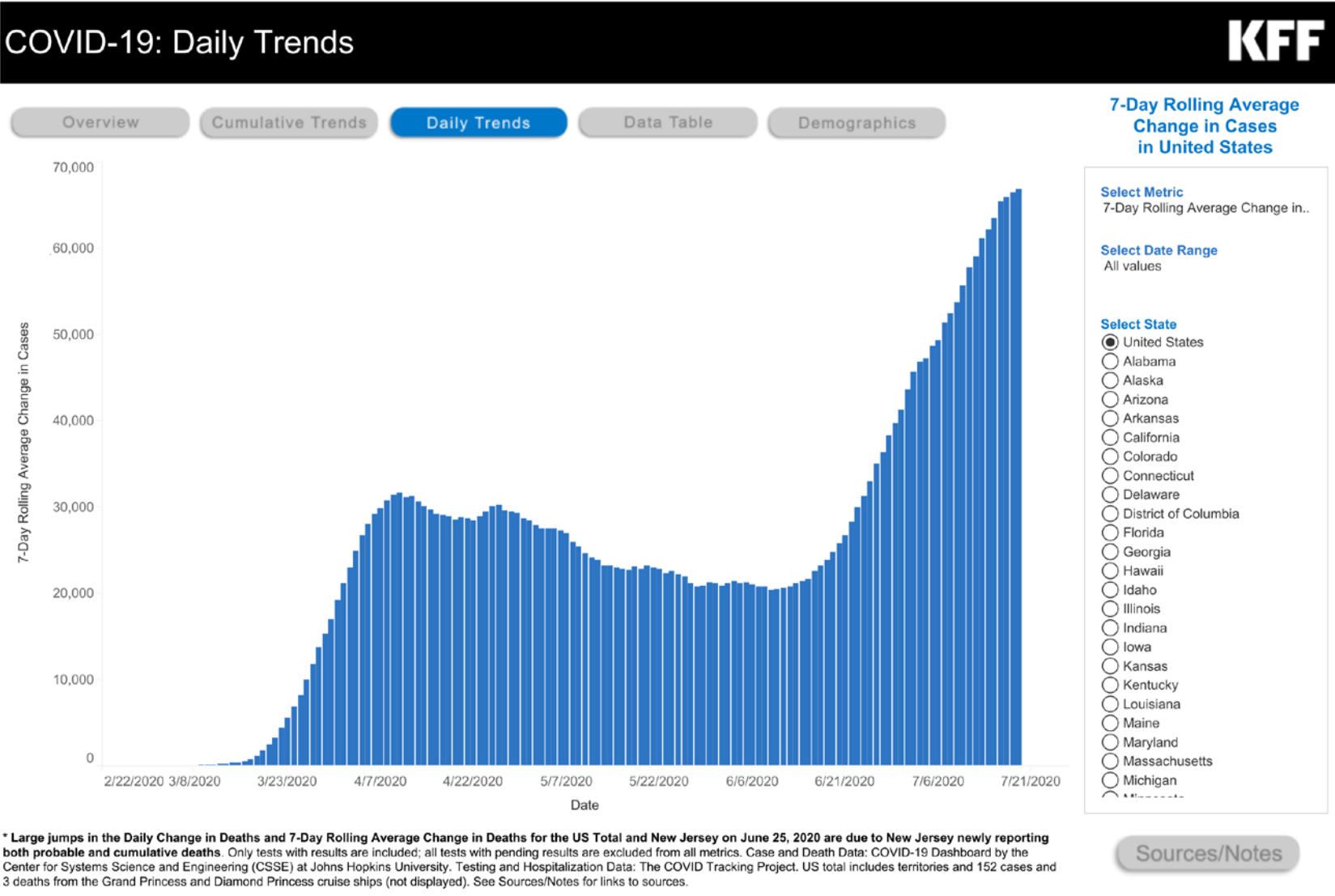
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Figure 1

The Effects Of COVID-19 Have Been Devastating



Many Could Lose Employer Health Coverage, But It Mostly Doesn't Seem To Have Happened...Yet

- Based on early job losses, we estimated 27 million could lose employer coverage, including 835,000 in Washington
- Anecdotally, many employers seem to be continuing health benefits for furloughed and laid off workers, but that won't last forever.
- Census Household Pulse survey offers clues.

End of April/beginning of May: 23.2 million adults uninsured

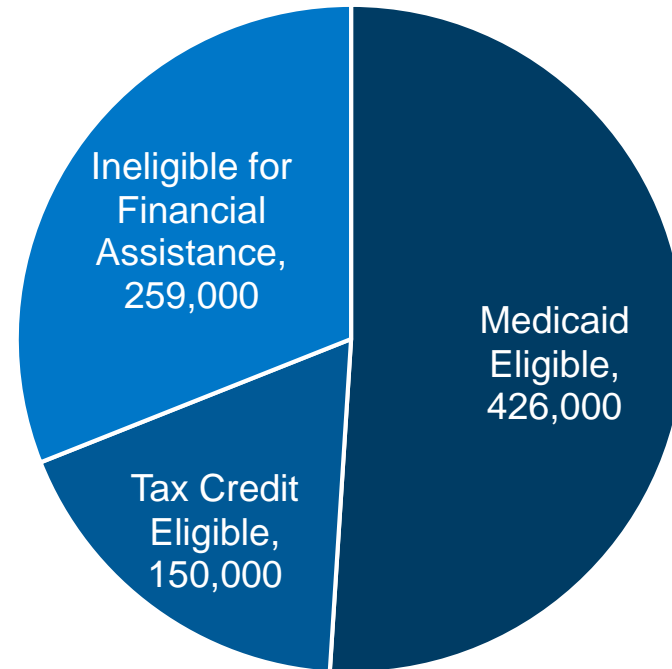
Beginning of July: 24.7 million adults uninsured

(But over 25 million don't know.)

Figure 3

May 2020 Eligibility For ACA Coverage Among People At Risk Of Losing Employer-Sponsored Insurance

Washington State



69% are eligible for Medicaid or ACA premium subsidies

Total = 835,000

Notes: Medicaid eligible includes people eligible for other public coverage, such as CHIP. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Source: KFF. Job Losses occurred March 1st through May 2nd, 2020.

Figure 4

Special Enrollment Signups On The Washington Health Benefit Exchange Are Up, But Total Numbers Are Modest

Sign up Activity in March and April of 2020 Compared to 2019

Over April and March of 2020, the number of people signing up doubled compared to the same period last year.

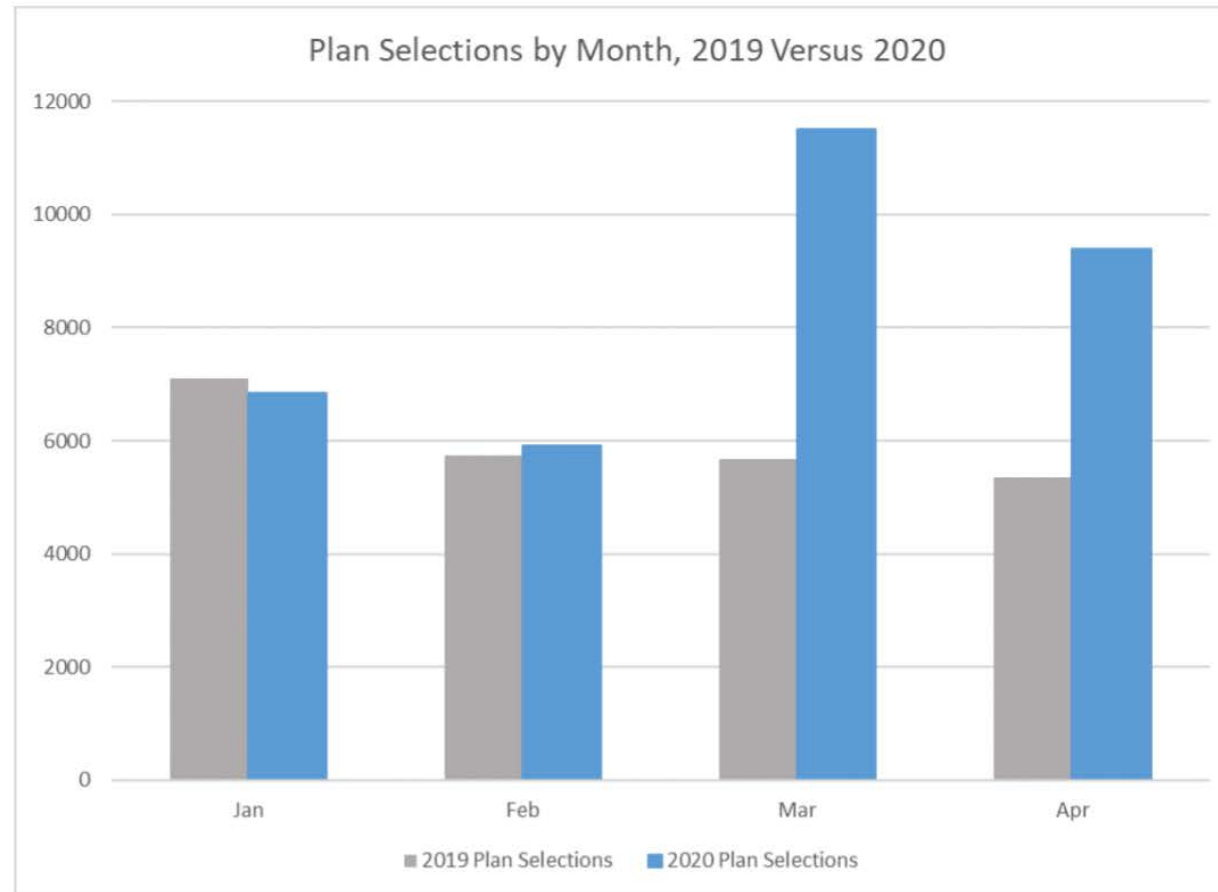
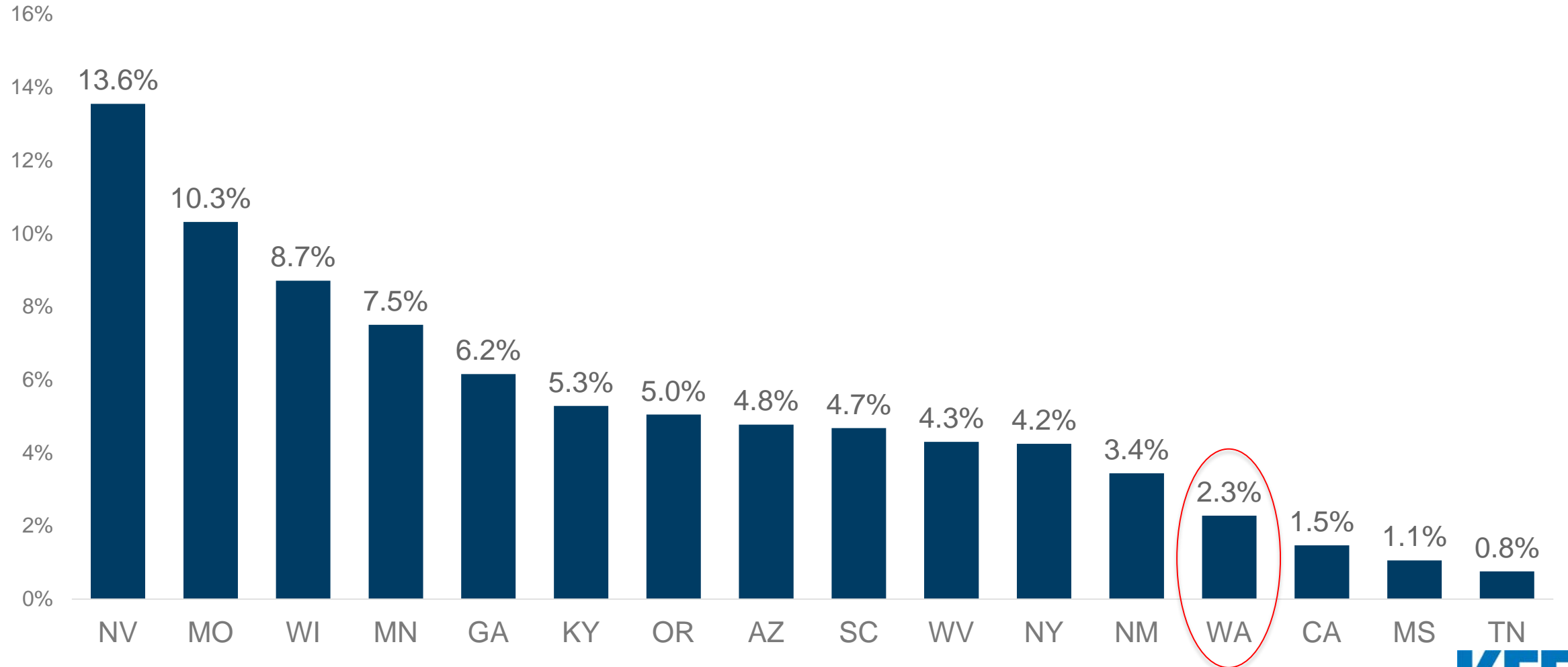


Figure 5

Growth In Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment: March 2020 To May 2020



SOURCE: KFF analysis of state Medicaid managed care enrollment reports.

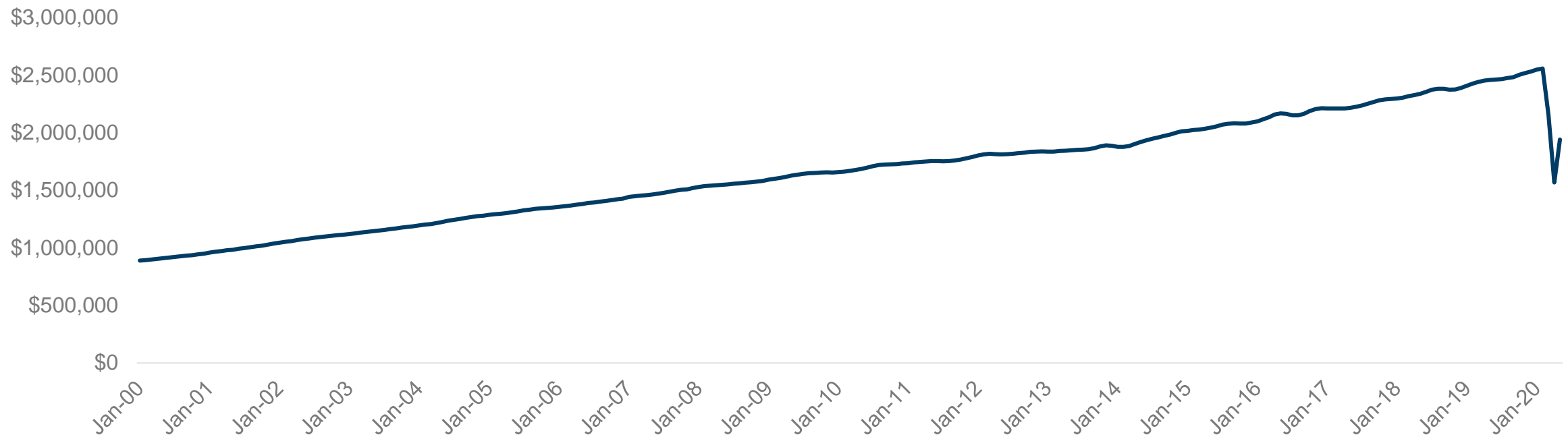
The ACA Provides A Safety Net For The First Time In A Recession, But It's Imperfect

- The application process can be complex, and people losing employer health coverage may not know the options available to them.
- Exchange coverage can be unaffordable, even with subsidies.
- It may require switching insurers and doctors, in the midst of a pandemic.

Figure 7

The Pandemic Didn't Bend The Cost Curve, It Broke It In Half

Annualized monthly health services spending, in millions

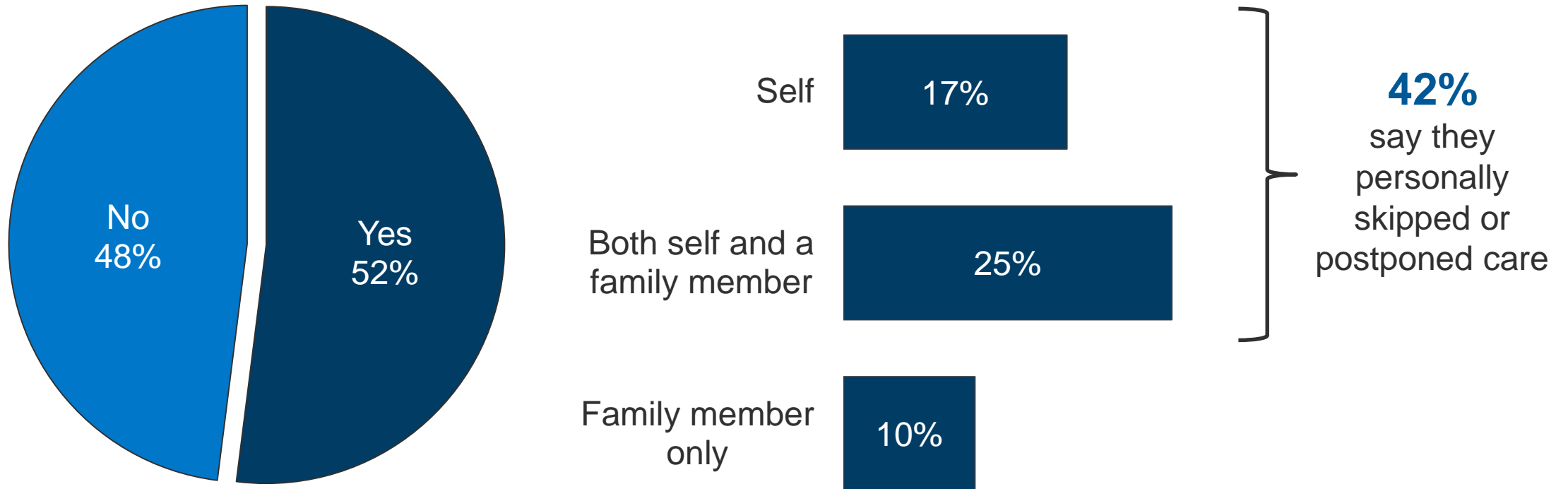


SOURCE: KFF analysis of BEA data.

Figure 8

Half Say They Or A Family Member Skipped Or Postponed Medical Or Dental Care Due To Coronavirus

In the past three months, have you or another family member in your household **skipped or postponed any type of medical or dental care** because of the coronavirus outbreak, or not? [If yes: Was that you, another family member, or both?]

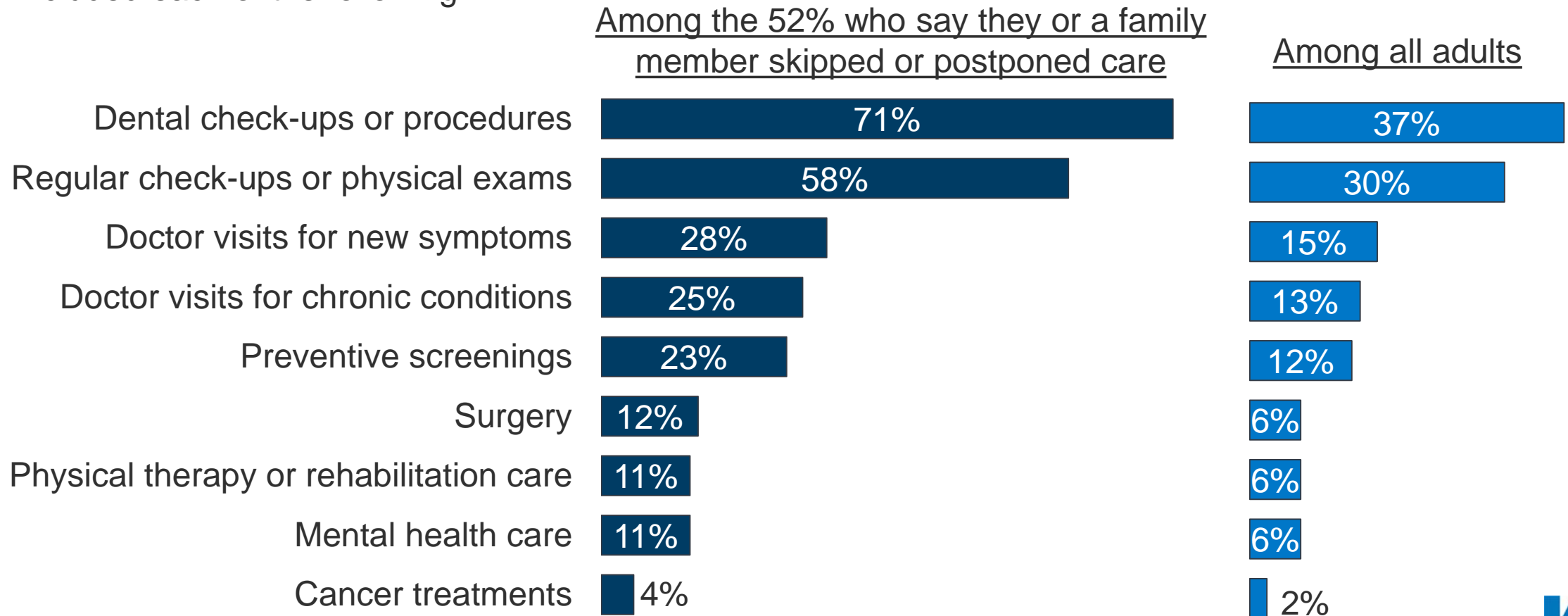


SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (conducted June 8-14, 2020). See topline for full question wording.

Figure 9

Most Common Type Of Care Skipped Or Delayed: Dental Visits, Followed By Routine Check-Ups

Percent who say that the type of care they or a family member skipped or postponed because of coronavirus included each of the following:

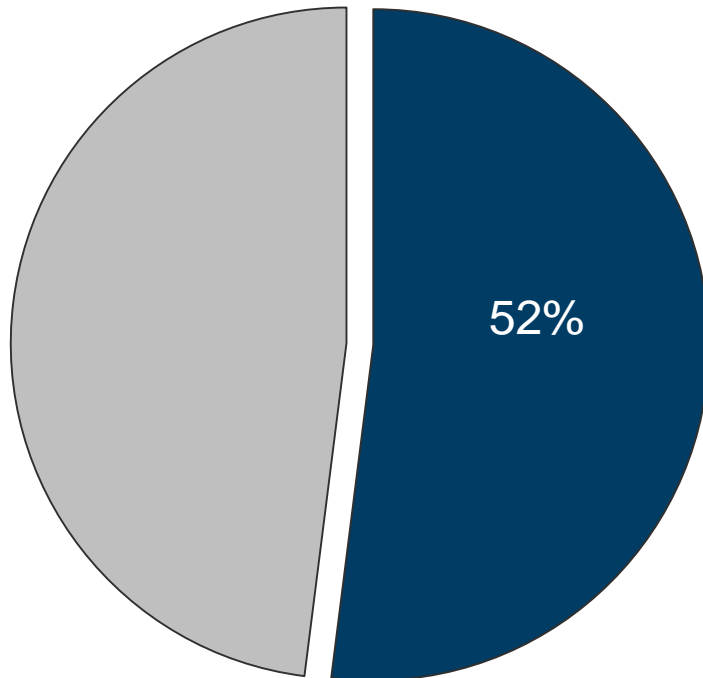


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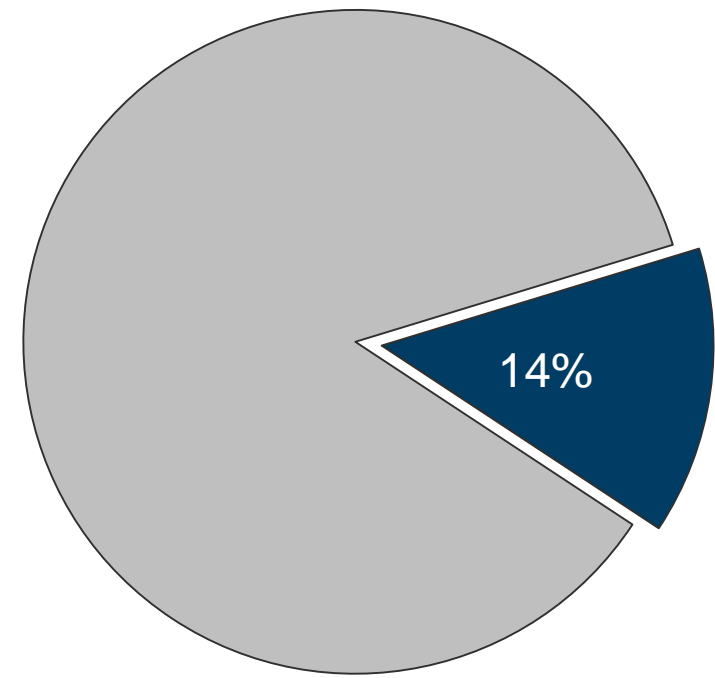
Figure 10

Some Of Those Who Say They Or A Family Member Skipped Care Report Worsening Medical Conditions As A Result

Percent who say they or a family member **skipped or postponed medical care** because of the coronavirus outbreak:



Percent who say their or their family member's medical condition **got worse** as a result:

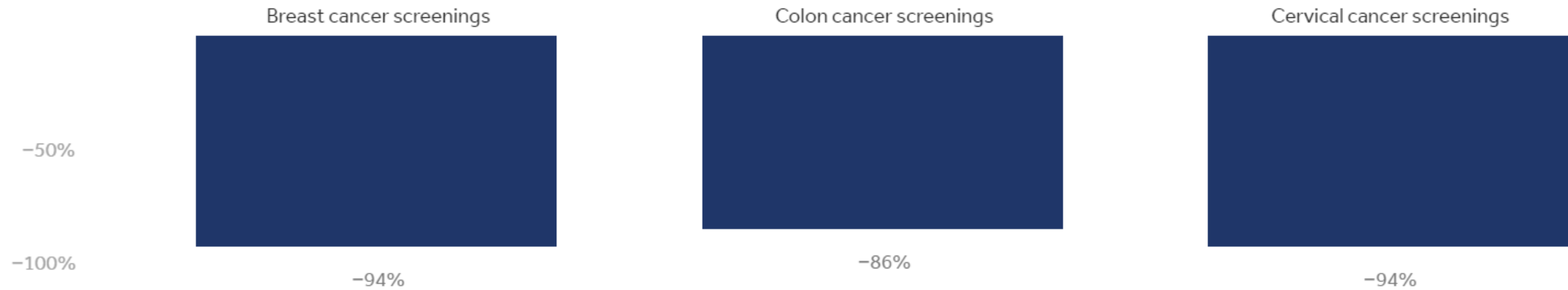


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Figure 11

There Has Been An Abrupt Drop In Cancer Screening

Change in average weekly cancer screening volume, Jan 1, 2017-Jan 19, 2020 vs Jan 20-Apr 21, 2020, by type of screening



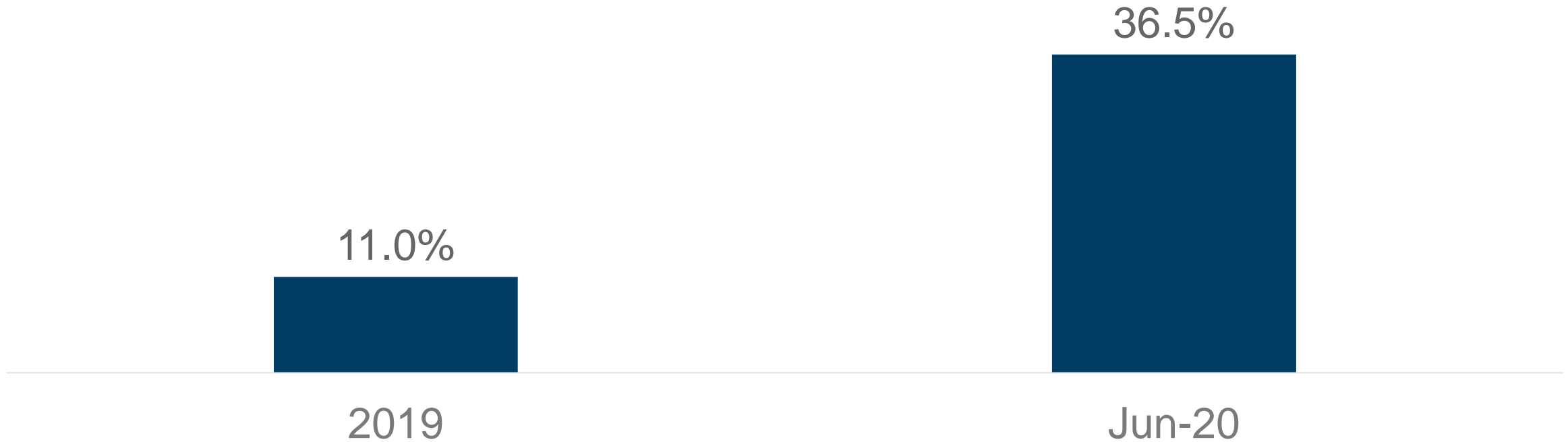
Source: [Epic Health Research Network, "Preventive Cancer Screenings during COVID-19 Pandemic"](#) • [Get the data](#) • [PNG](#)

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Figure 12

Mental Health Needs Have Increased Dramatically During The Crisis

Share of adults reporting symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder



SOURCE: KFF analysis of NHIS and Census Pulse surveys.

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